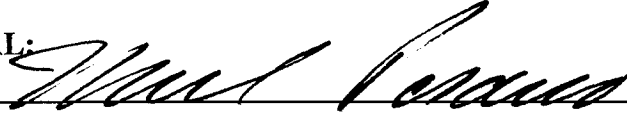


# REPORT

**DATE:** June 1, 2006  
**TO:** Administrative Committee and Regional Council  
**FROM:** Don Rhodes, Manager, Government Affairs (x840)  
**SUBJECT:** July 2006 Faster Freight- Cleaner Air Congressional Briefing

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Regional Council authorize SCAG to co-sponsor the July 2006 Faster Freight – Cleaner Air Congressional Briefing in Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$2,500.00.

## **SUMMARY:**

This Congressional Briefing is a continuation of the annual Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference (FFCA) that has been held throughout California for the past 3 years. The Briefing will address the solutions, highlight successful case studies, and provide information that was presented at FFCA directly to policy makers in Washington D.C. This Briefing will be national in scope, and will be co-sponsored with other regional transportation planning agencies and related entities from around the country.

## **BACKGROUND:**

SCAG was a \$25,000 sponsor of the FFCA held in Long Beach this past year, and may sponsor the conference again in the coming year. The conference deals mainly with goods movement (rail, road, air, sea) and air quality, all priorities of SCAG. The coordinators of this conference are conducting a Congressional Briefing for all members and staffs of the Senate and House. They are working with Senator Boxer's office and Representative Millender-McDonald's office to reserve committee rooms and dates, and are currently working to put together an agenda and to secure speakers.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact to the General Fund from these expenditures is \$2,500.00. Funding is available from savings in the General Fund Budget.